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WHEAT AND OATS PRODUCTION DOWN FROM 2006

Based on the September 1 Agricultural Survey, **SOUTH CAROLINA'S** 2007 production of wheat and oats is down from last year, according to the USDA NASS South Carolina Field Office.

This year's **WHEAT** production is estimated at 4.19 million bushels, 32 percent below last year's 6.15 million bushels. The 2007 acres harvested at 135,000, is 12,000 acres above a year ago; the average yield per acre of 31 bushels is down 19 bushels from 2006. The planted acres are 160,000, up 30,000 acres from last year's 130,000.

The 2007 production of **OATS**, at 676,000 bushels, is down 32 percent from a year ago. This year's harvested acres, at 13,000, are down 28 percent from last year and the average yield of 52 bushels is down 3 bushels from 2006. The planted acres are 33,000, unchanged from a year ago.

UNITED STATES 2007 PRODUCTION AND PERCENT OF PREVIOUS YEAR

Wheat, Winter.....	1.52	Billion Bushels,	117%
Rye.....	7.91	Million Bushels,	110%
Oats.....	91.6	Million Bushels,	98%
Barley.....	212	Million Bushels,	118%